

Workshop Objectives

- Learn about Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS)
- Understand the requirements of the Clean Water Act Section 319 – Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program
- Develop strong competitive grant proposals
- Incorporate the watershed approach into existing NPS plans
- Share Tribal Success Stories

Overview of Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution

- NPS pollution is responsible for more than half of the nation's remaining water quality problems.
- The cumulative impact from many nonpoint sources degrades water quality.

Definition of NPS Pollution

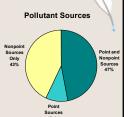
• Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation runs over land or through the ground, picks up pollutants, and deposits them into rivers, lakes, or the ocean or introduces them into ground water



Extent of NPS

Nationally . . .

- 47% combination of point and nonpoint sources
- 43% nonpoint sources only
- 10% point sources only



Major Sources of NPS Pollution

- Agriculture
- Unrestricted livestock grazing
- Poor siting and design of roads
- Forestry
- Hydromodification
- Urban runoff
- Abandoned mines
- Faulty septic systems
- Construction activities
- Atmospheric deposition





































Major NPS Pollutants Affecting Waterbodies

LAKES	WETLANDS	STREAMS/RIVERS
NUTRIENTS	SEDIMENTS	PATHOGENS
METALS	FLOW ALTERATION	SEDIMENTS
SEDIMENTS	NUTRIENTS	HABITAT ALTERATION
DISSOLVED OXYGEN	HABITAT ALTERATION	DISSOLVED OXYGEN

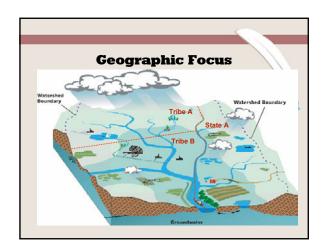
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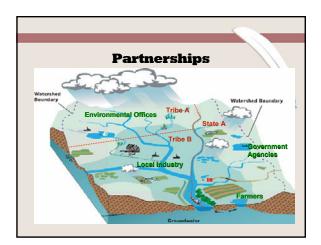
National NPS Program Priorities

- Implement the *watershed approach*
- Focus on implementation of watershedbased plans to achieve water quality results
- Evaluate and measure results to show water quality improvement as a result of project implementation

Watershed Approach

A framework for environmental management that focuses on using sound science and data to identify and prioritize water quality problems and building <u>partnerships</u> to address the highest priority problems within hydrologically-defined <u>geographic areas</u>, taking into consideration both ground and surface water flow.





EPA Support for Implementing the Watershed Approach

- Regional NPS workshops
- Watershed Planning Handbook
- Clean Water Act Section 319 grant funding